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INTRODUCTION

This subject concerns homosexuality, sexual morality, and related issues. It was prompted by a breakdown in communication between my son, David Jr., and me. He chose to stop speaking to me after I expressed my belief that his homosexuality was more serious than paedophilia — a view which understandably shocked him and others in the family.

What I say, I say as a father to all my family, who are now grown-up adults. I do not speak lightly on these matters, nor out of ill will, but out of a sense of duty, both as a father and as one who is accountable to God.

This issue first arose within our family over 20 years ago (at the time of writing 2019) and has since resurfaced in another branch of the family. It continues to cause confusion and distress. Most significantly, those closest to the situation — particularly the mothers involved — appear uncertain how to confront or respond to it.

Some remain silent, finding it too difficult to address, while others appear to accept it without fully considering what the Bible teaches concerning such matters.

The subject was brought again to the forefront in January 2023, when homosexuality was openly discussed at a meeting connected with an Anglican church, Holy Rood, meeting at Stubbington, Hampshire. The apparent aim was to prepare the way for the acceptance of LGBT practices within the Christian profession.

In addition to this, homosexuality, same-sex marriage, and various forms of sexual behaviour are now taught as normal within schools in the United Kingdom, and likely elsewhere. All such teaching stands, in my judgment, contrary to the gospel of Christ.

By the gospel of Christ, I mean the moral truth revealed in the Old and New Testament Scriptures. To deny this is not merely to differ in opinion, but to oppose what has been revealed by God through Christ and His Apostles. To argue against these things is, in the end, to contend

with God Himself, who has spoken in His Word.

As it is written:

"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God."

— 1 Corinthians 6:9–10

Those who reject these truths are left to their own wisdom, joining themselves to many others who likewise refuse what is written. If a man continues in such a course, and dies in that condition, he will face the judgment of God. This is the solemn and unavoidable testimony of Scripture concerning sin and its consequences.

In the present climate, teachers are often restrained from expressing moral judgment, through fear of disciplinary action and what is termed political correctness. This restraint largely arises from pressure exerted by groups seeking to normalise practices which are contrary to Christ.

However, such restraint does not apply to fathers and mothers. Therefore, when this matter arose within our family, I considered it my responsibility to address it directly.

This presentation records how I dealt with the problem as it appeared within my family in 2020, and how I delivered this address to my family while living in Dubai.

This book sets out my response to these matters.

METHOD

In this writing, I intend to address the issues concerning David — namely, his sexuality, his conduct toward the family, and my response

to both.

It is my purpose not only to state what I believe, but also to explain the grounds upon which those beliefs rest, so that my position may be properly understood.

My views are not formed from personal preference or opinion, but from my understanding of the Scriptures, developed over many years of reflection and experience.

I do not desire the division or discomfort that has arisen from these matters. Nevertheless, I am constrained to speak plainly and truthfully, in the hope that clarity may be gained, and, if it please God, that some good may come from it.

CHAPTER 1

The address

First of all, I must say that I find David's behaviour towards his mother, and his arguments with Esther in recent years, to be unacceptable. I also strongly disagree with the way he has expressed his thoughts, emotions, and actions towards Elly.

It is unfortunate, but David's personal struggles do not remain his own. They affect the whole family. We are therefore left with the difficult responsibility of responding in a way that seeks the best outcome for all concerned.

My concern is not only for his behaviour, but for his standing before God.

Love – A Foundational Principle

The Scriptures teach that love covers a multitude of sins. This is not a licence to ignore sin, but a principle that governs how we deal with one

another.

> *"And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins."*
>
> — 1 Peter 4:8

David needs to understand this principle and put it into practice — showing love toward his mother, his sisters, and the wider family, and refraining from bitterness or vindictive behaviour.

At the same time, love does not remove the need for truth. Both must stand together.

David's Sexuality

When it comes to David's sexuality, and how he has handled it, I believe he has brought certain difficulties upon himself.

I have responded in the way I believe to be right, according to my understanding of Scripture. In response, he has chosen to cut off communication with me. That is his decision, and he alone is responsible for it.

CHAPTER 2

A brief history – Christmas 2018

David visited us in 2018 and cooked Christmas dinner. It was a warm and happy family occasion. However, in 2019, after a disagreement on Facebook regarding his sexuality, communication ceased.

David came to visit us — Dolores, Maisie, and me — at Hayling Close during Christmas 2018. He kindly offered to cook the Christmas meal, and he and Maisie worked together in the kitchen. We recorded a video of the occasion and sent it to Elly and the rest of the family in Dubai.

However, this did not happen the following year.

We did not hear from David. He fell silent after posting a question on my Facebook wall, to which I gave an honest reply.

The Issue Raised

David asked whether I regarded his sexuality as equivalent to that of a paedophile.

He is my youngest son, and Eleanor's twin, aged 35, and he identifies as gay.

The Fisherman's Rest

The background to this question lies in an earlier occasion in 2019, when I was meeting friends from Hill Park Baptist Church at The Fisherman's Rest in Fareham. I invited David at the last minute to join us, and to my delight, he accepted.

Upon arriving, he soon realised these were not my theatre friends from Titchfield. When I explained they were from my church, he immediately stated that he was gay.

An Open Discussion

This led to an open discussion. David raised several questions, and the subject of same-sex marriage arose. It was stated that same-sex marriage is unbiblical, and someone remarked that the government might next legalise other forms of sexual miss behaviour.

Despite the seriousness of the subject, I felt it was a good evening. David engaged in the discussion, and the subject of Christian conversion was also raised and appeared to be well received.

David's Facebook Response

Shortly afterwards, David posted a question on my Facebook wall. This was just before Christmas, and I believe my reply contributed to his decision not to join us for Christmas in 2019.

David's Question

"Dad, your thoughts — along with the views of members of your church — on the legislation of same-sex marriage.

Please clarify: do you see me and my sexuality as equivalent to that of an acting paedophile?"

CHAPTER 3

David's History

It is important to understand that David first spoke to me about his sexuality when he was 14 years old. The conversation took place, notably, at The Fisherman's Rest.

At that time, David already knew my position, which I had formed from my understanding of Scripture. I explained that I could not approve of homosexuality and gave my reasons.

My views were not directed at him personally, but were based upon what the Bible teaches concerning all forms of sexual sin.

> *"Be not deceived: neither fornicators… nor effeminate… shall inherit the kingdom of God."*
>
> — 1 Corinthians 6:9

Although we disagreed, I made a conscious effort not to allow the issue to come between us. For more than twenty years, we rarely discussed it, and I respected his personal space. However, I believe he

was disappointed with my response.

A Family Example

During that earlier conversation, I referred to a situation within our own family — that of my brother, Michael.

Michael was sentenced to 16 years in prison under Philippine law for activities considered a breach of their child protection legislation. The law — Republic Act 7610 — defines a "child" as anyone under the age of 18, regardless of local consent laws and now classified as Pedophilia.

Although his business involved individuals who, under UK law, would be considered of legal age, the authorities classified his actions as child-related offences. This was one form of sexual sin, as understood from the Scriptures.

This case had a deep impact on our family. It resulted in his conviction and, ultimately, his death in prison.

While legal systems may differ between nations, the moral law of God does not change.

My Own Past

I also acknowledge my own past.

When I was 16, I was involved in relationships with girls younger than the legal age of consent. By today's legal standards, that would be considered unlawful.

I do not say this to excuse anything, but to show that all men are capable of sin.

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

— Romans 3:23

Personal Conviction

My own life — from sin to repentance and faith in Christ — has shaped my convictions.

I have come to understand that while all men may fall into sin, there is forgiveness with God, and there is also the call to repentance and change.

These matters are not theoretical to me. They are deeply personal.

It is precisely because I have known both moral failure and spiritual restoration that I feel the weight of these issues so strongly within our family.

CHAPTER 4

Child Abuse — Isaac And Esther, 1984

As you know, I became a Christian many years ago. I turned from a life of crime and sought to follow Christ.

However, my walk as a Christian has not always been without difficulty. I have passed through many personal and spiritual struggles, and there was a time when I withdrew from church fellowship over matters of conscience.

One particularly painful matter concerns a man named Ken Knight.

The Incident

While we were living in Aylesbury, Ken Knight exposed Isaac and Esther — then aged 5 and 3 — to explicit material on a computer screen in his garden shed.

To me, this was clearly a form of abuse.

Reporting the Matter

I reported the incident to the police. However, they were unable to proceed due to insufficient evidence.

At that time, the testimony of such young children could not be relied upon without additional supporting evidence. Without witnesses or corroboration, the authorities could not take the matter forward.

This was a deeply frustrating outcome, but one I had to accept.

Bringing It to Light

I then brought the matter to the attention of Ken's family and the churches he attended.

Through this, I came to see more clearly the importance of churches maintaining proper discipline and accountability — particularly in relation to the Lord's Table.

Ken had been associated with churches that practised open communion. In my judgment, this lacked the necessary spiritual safeguards, especially in cases involving serious moral failure.

A Difference in Response

Some fellow believers considered my response too strong, and urged forgiveness.

While I understand the place of forgiveness, I believed — and still believe — that the situation required clarity, truth, and the protection of the vulnerable.

"It is not good to accept the person of the wicked…"

— Proverbs 18:5

Forgiveness must never be used to overlook or minimise wrongdoing.

Years Later

Many years passed — over twenty years — before I encountered Ken Knight again.

This took place in 2005, at the funeral of my brother, Michael, held at Bierton Chapel.

Many of you were present: Isaac, Esther, Elly, Dolores, Auntie Margaret, Chris, David and his partner Andy, James Gold, Joanne, and Joshua.

The Confrontation

I spoke with Ken privately.

He acknowledged what he had done and said that he had sought God's forgiveness.

However, Isaac was deeply affected. He confronted Ken directly and made it clear that he did not want him near, warning him to keep his distance.

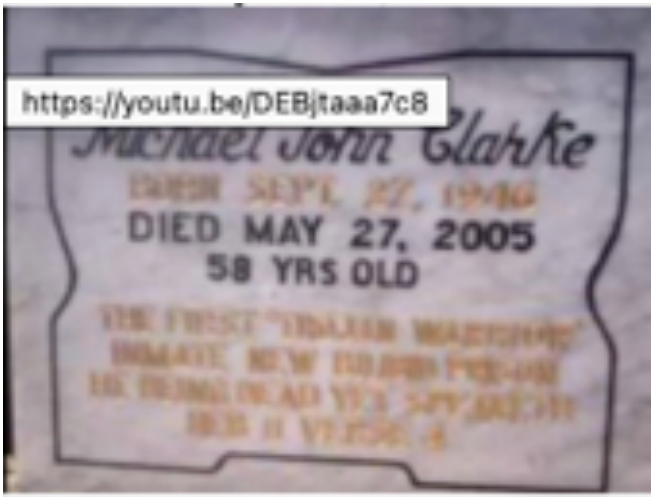
This response reflected the lasting impact of what had taken place.

A Recorded Moment

That funeral gathering was recorded, and the video remains available.

It stands as a record of a difficult moment in our family history — one that reflects both the pain we have endured and the moral realities we have had to face.

Obituary Michael John Clarke



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Michael Obituary 2

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Closing Observation

This event is not separate from the matters I am addressing in this book.

It forms part of the background to my convictions.

I have seen, first-hand, the consequences of moral failure — not in theory, but in reality, within my own family.

For that reason, I cannot treat these matters lightly, nor speak of them as though they were of little consequence.

CHAPTER 5

Our Move To Fareham

Looking back, one of the key turning points in my life came in 1987, when we moved from Luton to Fareham.

At that time, we were unable to sell our house. As a result, I had to live away from the family for approximately 18 months. During that period, I stayed alone in lodgings.

It was in that season of isolation that my faith faltered.

A Time of Decline

I turned away from God in unbelief. That spiritual decline did not affect me alone — it also affected your mother. We both drifted.

In time, I fell into adultery.

This sin broke our marriage apart. It remains one of the great regrets of my life, and I speak as one who understands, from experience, the destructive power of sin — both morally and relationally.

> *"Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."*
>
> — James 1:15

Restoration and Change

In 1993, I came to the end of myself.

Burdened by guilt, and conscious of my failure, I cried out to God for mercy. By His grace, I was granted repentance and faith.

From that point, I began — slowly — to rebuild my life, seeking to walk according to the Word of God, and to restore what could be restored.

By then, your mother had moved on and was engaged to Tony. I later married Helen.

Things did not return to how they had been. Nevertheless, I was thankful for the mercy shown to me, and for the second opportunity to live differently.

A Personal Record

I am not proud of these things. But I speak of them openly, because truth and honesty are necessary if we are to walk in the light.

"If we walk in the light, as he is in the light…"

— 1 John 1:7

I have written of these matters more fully in my account:

The Fall: Desperation and Recovery

CHAPTER 6

The knowledge of Michael's conversion

In 2001, I learned of Uncle Michael's conversion.

While in prison, in 1999, he turned from a life of crime to faith in Christ. Upon hearing this, I believed it right to publish our shared story

in my book *Converted on LSD Trip*, as many of you will know.

My Own Conversion

In that book, I recount my own conversion.

On 16th January 1970, during an LSD experience, I encountered God in a way that changed my life.

From that moment, I knew that my life had been out of order. I no longer wished to continue as I had been living. God opened my eyes, and I began to see the need to walk in a different way.

Our Past Lives

In our early years, both Michael and I lived in open sin.

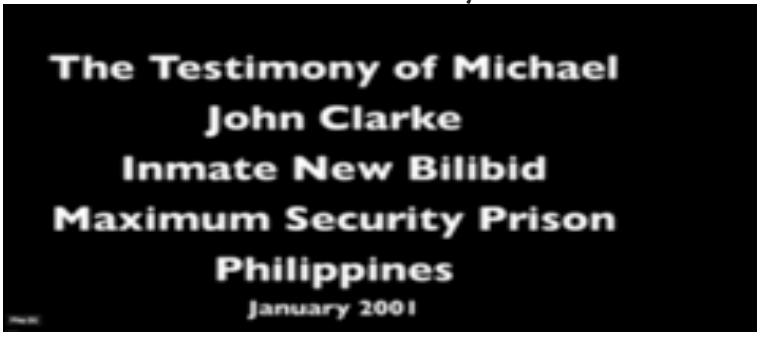
Our lives were marked by immorality — sexual sin, theft, violence, drug use, and criminal behaviour. We pursued these things without restraint.

But by the grace of God, both of us were brought to repentance.

"Such were some of you: but ye are washed…"

— 1 Corinthians 6:11

Michael's Testimony 1995



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If you have not heard it, I would encourage you to listen to Michael's testimony. It was recorded in prison in 1995, and it gives a clear account of how God began working in his life.

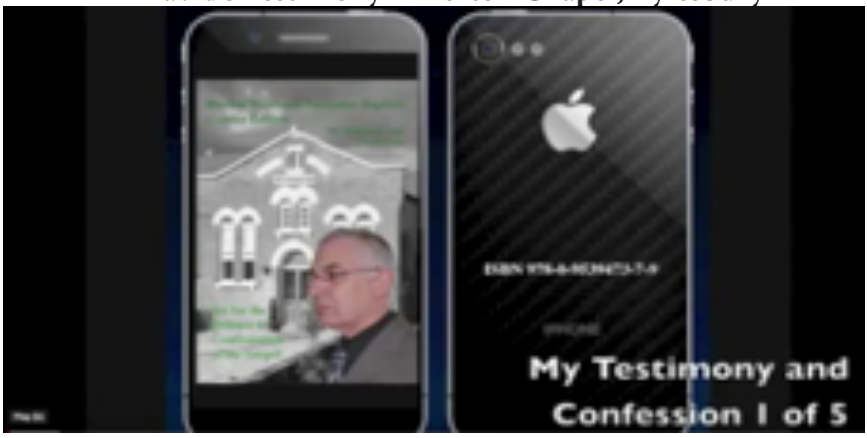
After My Conversion

Following my conversion, I began to read the Bible for myself.

I wanted to understand who Jesus Christ truly is — why He came, what He taught, and what the Gospel means.

I desired to know how a person may be forgiven, brought into a right relationship with God, and saved from judgment.

David's Testimony – Bierton Chapel, Aylesbury



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A Public Testimony

On 5th June 1983, while we were living in Bierton, I gave my testimony publicly at Bierton Chapel.

Many who knew me from my former life were present — including members of our family and others from that time.

The meeting was recorded, and it remains available. It stands as a

record of what God did, not only in my life, but in our family.

A Turning Point

It was not long after that period that things began to go wrong.

The incident involving Isaac and Esther occurred, leaving lasting consequences. Around that time, I also began to fall away.

In 1990, after our move to Fareham, I entered a period of spiritual decline.

I turned again from the Lord and fell into open sin.

Failure and Recovery

This brought great harm to our family, and consequences which I deeply regret.

Yet even in this, God did not leave me.

In time, He restored me.

"He restoreth my soul…"
— Psalms 23:3

It is only by His mercy that I was recovered, and given another opportunity to walk in truth.

CHAPTER 7

Where my beliefs come from

As you know, I believe that adultery, same-sex relationships (including same-sex marriage), fornication, bestiality, and paedophilia are all morally wrong.

While society may distinguish between these things, I understand them all to be contrary to God's design, and clearly addressed in Scripture.

The Source of My Understanding

You may ask where I learned these things.

How did I come to the conclusion that such behaviours are sinful?

The answer is simple: from the Bible.

It is not my upbringing, nor my feelings, nor the culture around me that has shaped my understanding — but the Word of God.

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God…"

— 2 Timothy 3:16

The Bible speaks plainly, and it reveals not only what is right and wrong, but why.

Moral Conduct

If you are to understand my position, you must recognise that it rests upon Scripture.

The Bible teaches that we are not to practise, nor approve, what God has called sin.

This includes not only sexual immorality, but also lying, theft, blasphemy, hatred, and other sins.

"Who knowing the judgment of God… not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them."

— Romans 1:32

These things are not merely social issues — they are matters of the soul.

A Call to Turn

All of us have sinned.

But the call of God is clear: to turn from sin, and to walk in His ways.

"Let the wicked forsake his way…"
— Isaiah 55:7

This is the foundation of my belief, and the reason I speak as I do.

CHAPTER 8
Back To David And The Fisherman's Rest

Returning to David and the question he raised to the men from our church — who meet regularly at The Fisherman's Rest — the matter stirred further discussion among us.

One of the men later responded to David by email, expressing a willingness to speak further with him about the issues he had raised.

I also made an effort to engage with David in a constructive way. I sent him several educational videos I had recorded on these subjects, hoping they would help him understand my position and the biblical reasoning behind it.

David's Response

In response, David sent me a video which appeared to make light of the issue.

SHOULD WE WARN OUR KIDS AGAINST STRAIGHT PEOPLE

SHOULD WE TEACH KIDS
ABOUT STRAIGHT PEOPLE?
BBC
The Mash Report
Hello, I'm here to talk to you
GUIDANCE: Contains strong language
I'm here to talk to you about

https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=2421429528135664&ref=sharing

"Should We Warn Our Children Against Straight People?"

The video carried a satirical tone, suggesting that society ought to warn children about heterosexual people. To me, this trivialised a serious subject — one that I have considered over many years, and at considerable personal cost.

David's Post and Our Exchange

David also shared a satirical video titled "Say No to Hetero" by comedian Catherine Bohart. This appeared to be in response to the views I had expressed.

While I understand that humour is often used in public discussion, I felt this approach diminished the seriousness of the moral and spiritual issues involved.

My Response to David

In response, I shared several videos that I had recorded over time, addressing the subjects of marriage, sexuality, and biblical morality.

These included:

- "The Death of Marriage"
- "A Change Is Gonna Come"
- "Aslan and Same-Sex Marriage"
- "Same-Sex Marriage 2 – David Clarke Senior"

Each of these was intended to explain the Christian understanding of marriage as a covenant between one man and one woman, according to Scripture.

A Disturbing Development

David later shared a deeply disturbing video showing a transgender person being violently killed and transported in a wheelbarrow.

Alongside this, he wrote:

"Didn't live by your Bible's rules."

He then asked:

"Am I going to hell for my 'lifestyle choices'?"

My Observation

The first thing I observed was that the video itself had no connection to Christianity. There was no indication that those responsible were acting in the name of Christ, nor that their actions had any biblical basis.

The individuals involved were acting in cruelty and violence — a clear expression of human wickedness.

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked…"

— Jeremiah 17:9

Such behaviour is not representative of the Christian faith, but of fallen humanity.

CHAPTER 9

Why Did David Bring Christianity Into This?

David asked a serious and emotional question:

"Am I going to hell for my lifestyle choices?"

He connected this question with a violent video and appeared to associate such actions with biblical teaching.

At first, I was uncertain why he brought Christianity into the matter. But on reflection, it became clear that the issue concerns the doctrine of judgment — particularly the biblical teaching on hell.

Since the question was raised, it is right to answer it plainly.

My Answer on the Subject of Hell

David, and any who read this, I answer not from emotion, but from Scripture.

All people — not some, but all — are under the condemnation of God, because all have sinned.

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

— Romans 3:23

People are not condemned for the sins of others, but for their own.

The Bible teaches that judgment is real. But it also teaches that there is salvation.

The Way of Salvation

There is deliverance from sin, death, and hell.

That deliverance is found in the Lord Jesus Christ.

"He that believeth on him is not condemned…"

— John 3:18

Those who believe in Him, and turn to Him, have their sins forgiven. They are no longer under judgment, but receive eternal life.

Salvation is not a licence to continue in sin, but deliverance from it.

A Fallen World

We live in a fallen world — a world marked by sin, suffering, and death.

Nothing occurs outside the sovereign rule of God.

"The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all."

— Psalms 103:19

Even events such as disease, disaster, and conflict exist within His governance.

As the Scripture says:

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty…"

— Psalms 91:1

We are not immune from suffering. But we are called to consider our condition before God.

A Serious Reality

Unless we are reconciled to God, we will die in our sins.

This is not exaggeration, but the clear testimony of Scripture.

Modern Christianity Has Drifted

Much that is called Christianity today bears little resemblance to what the Bible teaches.

It retains a form, but lacks substance.

"Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof…"
— 2 Timothy 3:5

This weakens truth and removes the fear of God.

Hell Is Real — But So Is Mercy

Hell is real. But so is grace.

Those who call upon the Lord will know forgiveness and peace with God.

When this takes place, obedience is no longer a burden, but the natural fruit of a changed heart.

A Call to Fathers and Families

We live in days of confusion.

Therefore, it is necessary for Christian men — fathers in particular — to teach their families the truth.

We cannot rely on society, government, or culture to guide us in these matters.

We must look to the Word of God.

Closing

It is only by returning to the Scriptures, and to Christ Himself, that we will find clarity, direction, and truth.

CHAPTER 10

The History Of David Jr. And James Gold

You will recall that James Gold came to live with you and your mother at Appleton Road after I had left the family and turned away from God in unbelief. At some point during that period, something took place between James and David—something I did not learn about until much later, when David told me directly.

At the time, David was 15 years old.

Later, I was contacted by Social Services. They informed me that James Gold was listed on their risk register and that, if he were ever to come to our home at Hayling Close while Maisie was living there, they would have grounds to remove her from our care. However, they would not tell me the specific reason for their concerns. It was evident that it related to sexual sin.

Uncovering the Truth

I was determined to understand what was behind this warning. Through further investigation, I spoke with Joanne—James's partner at the time. She told me that Social Services had previously been involved in a case concerning James and her son, Joshua, when Joshua was very

young.

The police had also been involved in that matter, but were unable to take legal action because they could not proceed solely on the testimony of a minor.

I learned from David that James Gold had an homosexual relationship with him, which afterwards he resented. David had been abused, not that he acknowledges it, but he said it was consensual. David was 14 or 15 and James Gold a grown man. It was an example of paedophilia.

Reporting the Matter and What Followed

I reported the situation to the police, but David refused to make a formal statement. He maintained that the relationship had been consensual and that he had been of legal age at the time. In doing so, he effectively shielded James Gold from legal scrutiny.

However, had David told the truth—that he was under 16 at the time—it would have been recognised as a criminal offence. James could then have been formally investigated and, if appropriate, charged.

I was upset with David—not because of what had happened in the past, but because he wasn't honest with the authorities when it mattered most. His refusal to give a truthful statement meant that the police were powerless to act. A proper statement could have prevented further harm, protecting others from similar abuse.

Realising the authorities couldn't intervene, I felt I had no choice but to take matters into my own hands. I sent word through Joanne that I wished to speak with James directly. Soon after, James disappeared. To this day, none of us have seen or heard from him again.

It reminded me of the earlier case involving Ken Knight and our own children, Esther and Isaac, back in 1984—another instance where wrongdoing could not be dealt with legally because of the limitations of the justice system at the time.

Now Back To David

David emailed me after the Fisherman's Rest incident, he then asked me about Hell and damnation wondering was he going to hell for his lifestyle choices.

CHAPTER 11

Other Responses To David's Question

In response to David's question, I shared with him a reply I had received from a member of the church. I did this to show that my views are not mine alone, but are shared by others who hold to the Scriptures.

Church Member Response

The following is a summary of the response I received:

The writer stated that while no one had directly said "they will legalise paedophilia next," there are indeed pressure groups that seek to normalise behaviours once universally condemned.

He referred to arguments that attempt to separate abuse from what some call "consensual relationships," even involving children. These ideas, he noted, are not new, but have been developing over many years.

He also pointed out that history shows similar patterns. The Greek and Roman societies practised various forms of sexual immorality, including homosexuality and relations with children. These were challenged at the time by those who held to biblical truth.

The writer expressed a willingness to speak with David personally, not to argue, but to reason together. He also suggested that David may have reacted to something said — or perhaps misunderstood — during the discussion at The Fisherman's Rest.

Finally, he stated that he would continue to pray for David, seeking that God might work in his life.

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David's Response

David did not reply to this message.

Instead, he posted a satirical video on my Facebook wall, questioning whether society should warn children about heterosexual people.

This reinforced my concern that the seriousness of the issue was not being properly understood.

A Message from Irene

I also received a message from Irene, David's mother.

Her response reflected a different perspective — one that emphasised love, personal development, and social understanding over doctrinal certainty.

She referred to:

- the importance of love as described in 1 Corinthians 13
- the influence of upbringing, biology, and environment
- the need for compassion and non-judgment
- concerns about isolation
- the limitations of claiming certainty in matters of belief

She expressed the view that Scripture may be shaped by human understanding, and that strong convictions can sometimes hinder relationships.

She also encouraged continued friendship, even where agreement is not possible.

A Difference in Foundations

What is evident from these responses is that there are fundamentally different ways of understanding these matters.

Some base their views on human reasoning, experience, and cultural development.

Others — including myself — base our understanding on the authority of Scripture.

"Let God be true, but every man a liar…"

— Romans 3:4

These two approaches cannot ultimately be reconciled, because they begin from different foundations.

A Present Reality

It has been said that few people share my views.

While that may appear to be the case, I have found that there are still those who hold to the biblical position — though they are fewer than in previous generations.

This, in itself, reflects the wider departure from the truth that we now see in society and, increasingly, within the church.

CHAPTER 12
Conclusion

It is only now, as David seeks acceptance for his choices, that this matter has come to a head.

In my view, this reflects a wider pattern — the desire not only for personal freedom, but for public affirmation of what the Bible calls sin.

Those who hold to Christian convictions must not allow such acceptance to take root within the church.

The Absence of Clear Teaching

Sadly, many churches today no longer teach plainly on moral issues

such as homosexuality, same-sex marriage, and fornication.

At the same time, society presents these behaviours as normal, and education systems rarely address their moral implications.

Where truth is no longer spoken, error will naturally fill the space.

A Responsibility to Speak

Those who know God have a responsibility to speak.

Not because they are better than others, but because they know what it is to be forgiven.

"Such were some of you: but ye are washed…"
— 1 Corinthians 6:11

I speak as one who has known sin, and who has found peace with God through Christ.

That same mercy is available to all who repent and believe.

The Nature of Morality

Morality cannot be determined by consent alone.

An action does not become right simply because two people agree to it.

This applies across all areas of life — whether in personal relationships, family matters, or wider society.

Even within the church, agreement among many does not make what is wrong become right.

A Drift from Truth

There has been a gradual erosion of moral clarity.

Many now believe that God loves all people in exactly the same way, and that Christ has already dealt with sin in such a way that judgment is no longer a concern.

But this is not what the Bible teaches.

"Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof…"

— 2 Timothy 3:5

God's Love and God's Purpose

God is love. But His love is not without purpose, nor is it separated from His holiness and justice.

The Scriptures teach that God has set His love upon His people.

"Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated."

— Romans 9:13

He sent His Son into the world to redeem those whom He would save.

Christ lived a righteous life, died upon the cross, and rose again.

The Gospel Call

After His resurrection, Christ commanded that the Gospel be preached.

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel…"

— Mark 16:15

Through this preaching, God works in the hearts of those He calls.

He grants repentance, gives faith, and brings sinners to Himself.

Final Word

Those who believe in Christ, and follow Him, grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour.

"Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

— 2 Peter 3:18

This is the path set before us.

And it is only by returning to the Word of God, and to Christ Himself, that we will find truth, clarity, and life.

SUMMARY

What I have set out to do in this writing is to explain, as plainly and honestly as I can, both my position and the reasons for it.

These matters are not abstract to me. They are personal. They concern my own family, my own past, and my own experience of sin, failure, and restoration.

I have not written as one who stands above others, but as one who has fallen, and who has been shown mercy.

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

— Romans 3:23

My concern throughout has not only been for behaviour, but for the soul — for a person's standing before God.

The Central Issue

The central issue is not simply homosexuality, nor any one particular sin.

The issue is this:

Whether we will accept what God has said in His Word, or whether we will follow our own understanding.

> *"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."*
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> — Proverbs 14:12

Society changes. Opinions shift. But the Word of God does not.

What I Believe

I believe that all forms of sexual immorality — along with many other sins — are contrary to God's design.

I believe this not because of personal preference, but because the Scriptures teach it.

I also believe that all men, myself included, are sinners by nature and by practice.

No one stands innocent.

What I Have Seen

I have seen, in my own life and within my family, the real consequences of sin.

These are not theoretical matters.

They bring harm, division, confusion, and lasting effect.

At the same time, I have also known the restoring mercy of God.

The Gospel

The message of the Gospel is not that sin does not matter.

It is that there is forgiveness for sin.

"Such were some of you: but ye are washed…"
— 1 Corinthians 6:11

There is a way of salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Those who come to Him, and trust in Him, are forgiven and brought into peace with God.

A Father's Position

I have spoken as a father.

Not out of anger, nor out of rejection, but out of responsibility.

A father does not cease to be a father when his children become adults.

And love does not mean silence where truth is concerned.

"Speaking the truth in love…"
— Ephesians 4:15

The Present Time

We live in a time of confusion.

What was once understood is now questioned.
What was once rejected is now accepted.

Even within the church, clarity is often lacking.

My Conclusion

I cannot change what I believe in order to avoid discomfort or division.

My convictions are not my own — they are formed from the Word of God.

I do not expect everyone to agree.

But I have sought to speak truthfully, and to set these things out plainly.

Final Word

My concern remains what it has always been:

Not only for behaviour, but for the soul.

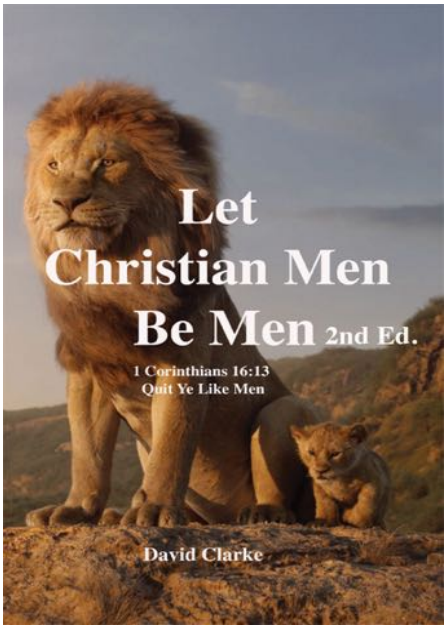
Not only for this life, but for eternity.

And it is my hope that, in time, what has been said here may be understood — and, if it please God, received.

David Clarke
April 2026

FURTHER PUBLICATIONS

LET CHRISTIAN MEN BE MEN



David Clarke

Originally published as *The Bierton Crisis (1984)*, this deeply personal and theological account traces the journey of David Clarke—minister, church secretary, and committed member of the Bierton Strict and Particular Baptist Church, a historic Gospel Standard cause founded in 1832.

This book documents a significant crisis that shook the foundation of the Bierton Church in 1984. As doctrinal errors and questionable practices crept into the fellowship, David stood firm in proclaiming the doctrines of grace—particularly Particular Redemption—and affirmed that the gospel of Christ, not the Law of Moses, is the believer's rule of life. His stance led to a withdrawal of fellowship, yet the church never terminated his membership, desiring his return.

David's testimony not only exposes the theological and ecclesiastical struggles within the church but also chronicles the unexpected closure of the Bierton chapel in 2002, while he was engaged in gospel mission work in the Philippines. Upon returning to the UK, he discovered that a

new, unelected group of trustees had taken control of the chapel, denied his rightful membership, and ultimately sold the historic building as a domestic property in 2006.

This book is both a warning and a call: a warning against doctrinal compromise and a call for ministers and believers to ground their faith and practice in Scripture alone—not tradition, not personal opinion, and not the fear of man.

Let Christian Men Be Men is an appeal to return to biblical conviction, gospel clarity, and godly courage—so that men may truly stand, teach, and live as Christ's ambassadors in an age of confusion.

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CONVERTED ON LSD TRIP

David Clarke who had a three-year career of undetected crime, experienced a "Christian conversion" whilst suffering from the effects of LSD, he told Aylesbury magistrates, on Tuesday. After wrestling with his conscience for a year, he confessed to 24 crimes, and gave information leading to the recovery of over £1000 worth of stolen property. In court he pleaded guilty to charges of stealing a £300 colour television set from an old peoples home, a £20 spray gun, and a hydraulic jack. He asked for 21 other charges to be taken into consideration, including stealing a builders shed, two cars, and an electric arc welder, two other TV sets, two compressors, and a road trader. Clarke (21) of Firemere Crescent said that his reputation in the town had been that of a man who was enjoying himself. "I used to sell drugs to young people, and indulge in permissive sex" he declared.

Seeking Truth

"Religion to me was rubbish, and for sissy people who could not stand on their own feet", he said. "Within my heart I was searching for truth, and a meaning to life". He had good prospects of getting on in life he went on but "I was not satisfied with what I had. I was greedy, selfish and boastful." Clarke had been using pep pills, and marijuana since he was 16 he told the court, but it was after taking LSD that he experienced what he described as, "a major thing in my life". He described the "torment" he suffered, as a result of taking the drug, and went on "I warn any young person who hears my testimony, "The effects of LSD are so bad, and I warn you to stay clear". While in this condition he said he, "Called on the name of Jesus" and his torment went from him.

Voice Of Christ

"Jesus Christ spoke to me as clearly as I speak here today saying, "David, I am with you", he said. "What you have been going through is nothing compared to what hell is like" Mr Murray, of Manor Crescent Wendover said he was habitually sceptical of sudden conversions, and preferred to put them to the test of time. The time, which had elapsed, since Clarke's profession of faith had convinced him that this young man would now be salt and light to society". "He is in truth, a new man, and had experienced what Christ called a second birth". Murray said Clarke now put himself out to be of assistance, read the bible intensely, always carried a New Testament, attended a wide circle of churches and would spend hours in discussion on spiritual things.

Difficulty

Clarke's difficulty during the months spent deciding how to make amends for his past had been the problem of accusing himself, without informing on others..

Continued inside:

David Could these boys do any real wrong ? Michael

David Clarke

This book is not about drug use—it is about deliverance.

On the 16th of January 1970, during a terrifying LSD trip, I was confronted with the reality of my own sin and the judgment of God. In desperation, I cried out to the Lord Jesus Christ—and He saved me. That

night marked the end of a life of crime and the beginning of a journey of faith, repentance, and transformation that would take me far beyond anything I had imagined.

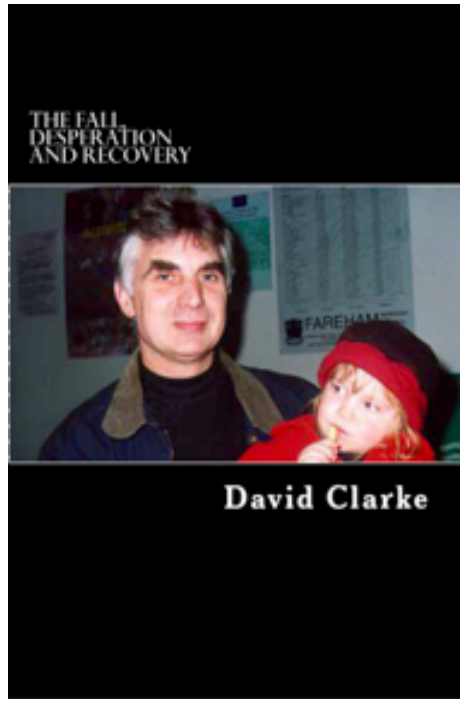
At the time, I was virtually illiterate. I had left school with no qualifications, been sent prison in Dover Borstal, and lived in rebellion against God and the law. After my conversion, I taught myself to read using the King James Bible and classical Christian literature. That education shaped my mind and my convictions, leading me eventually to become a lecturer in electronics, teaching in colleges for over 20 years.

But the heart of this book is not about my teaching career. It's about the saving grace of God, the power of the gospel, and the reality that no one is beyond hope. It's a testimony for the broken, the backslider, the addicted, the imprisoned, and those who think they've gone too far. It is also a warning to any who treat eternal things lightly.

Though I fell into sin and unbelief again in the early 1990s, God restored me through repentance and drew me back as told in *The Fall Dspiration And Recorery,* Since then, I've sought to tell everyone—especially my former students and friends—that the Lrd Jesus Christ still saves. I write to you as one who has walked in darkness and has seen the light.

My prayer is that this story will challenge you to think, cause you to reflect, and point you to Christ. This is not entertainment. It is a declaration of truth. And the truth is: Jesus still saves sinners today.

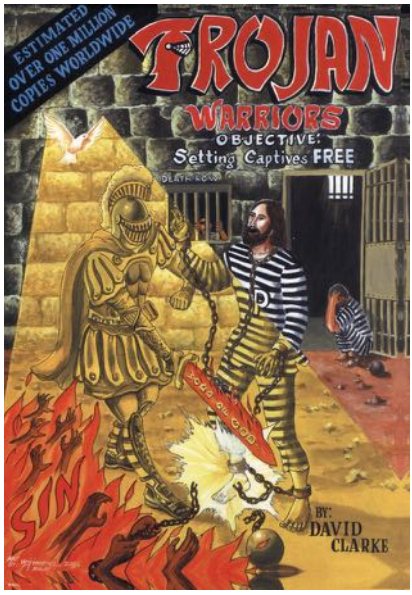
THE FALL, DESPERATION AND RECOVERY



David Clarke

David encountered great conflicts of conscience whilst at the Bierton Strict and Particular Baptists Church and seceded over matters of conscience. For two years he wondered what the future held for him and wondered about the direction that he should go. This led him to severe depression thinking that God had rejected him and then to a desperate state of mind resulting in him turning away from God and to open sin. This is the continuing story of David life as told in his book , "Converted on LSD Trip", and relates the journey that led to his fall, the desperation, recovery and restoration to faith in Christ . He tells of the good news he received of his brother Michael and his conversion from crime to Christ, that took place 5 years into a 16 year prison sentence, in the Philippines. This was 30 years after David 's own conversion from crime to Christ, which was the moving factor behind publishing his book, "Converted on LSD Trip." David believes this book will be very useful for people of all ages who wish to see the hand of God at work and in particular for those learning the Christian faith.

TROJAN WARRIORS



David Clarke ans Michael J. Clarke
Setting Captives Free

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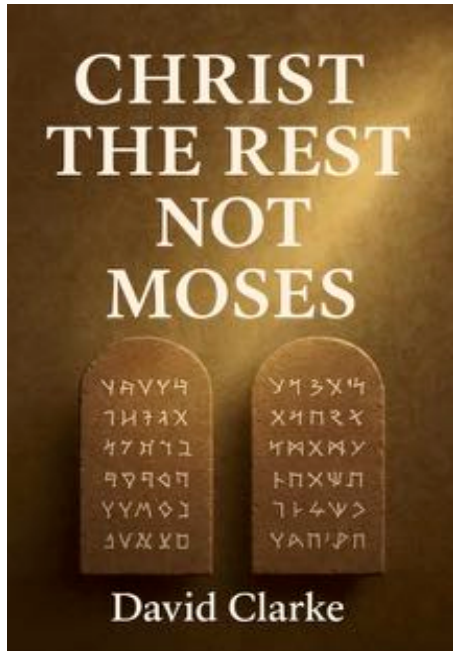
Trojan Warriors is a true story of two brothers, Michael and David Clarke, who are brought up in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, England. They became criminals in the 60's and were sent to prison for malicious wounding and carrying a fire arm without a license, in 1967.
They both turned from their lives of crimes in remarkable ways but some 25 years apart, and then they worked together helping other prison inmates, on their own roads of reformation.
David the younger brother became a Christian, after a bad experience on LSD, in 1970, and then went on to educate himself and then on to Higher Education. He became a baptist minister and taught electronics for over 20 years, in colleges of Higher and Further Education. Michael however remained untouched and continued his flamboyant life style ending up serving a 16 year prison sentence, in the Philippines, in 1996, where he died of tuberculosis in 2005.
When David heard the news of his brothers arrest on an ITN television news bulletin he felt compelled to wrote their story. And then when he heard of his own brothers conversion from crime to Christ, after serving

5 year of his sentence, he published their story in his book, "Converted on LSD Trip", and directed a mission of help to the Philippines to assist his brother. This book tells the story of this mission.
They then worked together with many former notorious criminals, who were inmates in New Bilibid Prison, who too had become Christians and turned their lives around. This help was to train them to become preachers of the gospel of Jesus Christ .
This book contains the 66 testimonies of some of these men who convicted former criminals, incarcerated in New Bilibid Prison. They are the, "Trojan Warriors", who had turned their lives around and from crime to Christ. Twenty two of these testimonies are men who are on Death Row scheduled to be executed by lethal injection.

Revelation 12 verse 11: And they overcame him by the blood of the lamb and the word of their testimony and they loved not their lives unto the death.

CHRIST THE REST, NOT MOSES



By David Clarke
Author of Converted on LSD Trip

"Let us labour therefore… to enter into that rest." – Hebrews 4:11

What is the true rest promised to the people of God? Is it found in observing days and laws — or in Christ Himself?

In this bold and thought-provoking work, David Clarke draws from Scripture and personal experience to confront a foundational issue at the heart of Christian doctrine: justification by faith alone.

Clarke, once rejected by a Gospel Standard minister over his understanding of Hebrews 4, writes not to stir controversy, but to call believers back to the simplicity and power of the gospel. With a serious tone, pastoral heart, and unwavering conviction, he urges readers to turn from legalism and shadows to the finished work of Christ.

Written especially for those who love the doctrines of grace, yet feel isolated or misunderstood, this book is a call to clarity, courage, and confidence in the rest that is found in Christ — and Christ alone.

This is not merely a theological issue. It is a matter of liberty, peace, and the very ground of our standing before God.